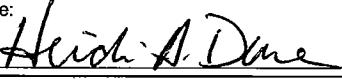


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

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Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.

Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____.

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Attached is/are:

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New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability

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Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

 Small Entity Status:

- Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ / _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer desired.

 Applicants calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A request fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 CFR §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
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Respectfully submitted,

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